

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (currently amended) A method of diagnosing a ~~Wnt antagonist~~ DKK1-associated lytic bone disease in an individual, comprising:

~~examining~~ measuring the expression level of, the human homologue of Dickkopf-1 (DKK-1) protein, in said individual, wherein an increased expression of said protein compared to that in a healthy individual indicates that said individual has ~~the Wnt antagonist-associated~~ DKK1-associated lytic bone disease.

Claim 16-17 (canceled).

Claim 18 (currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein said expression level is measured by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay, immunohistochemistry or flow cytometry

Claim 19 (previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein said individual has multiple myeloma.

Claims 20-38 (canceled).